

Palmerston Primary School

Head Teacher's Newsletter

'Together we will succeed'



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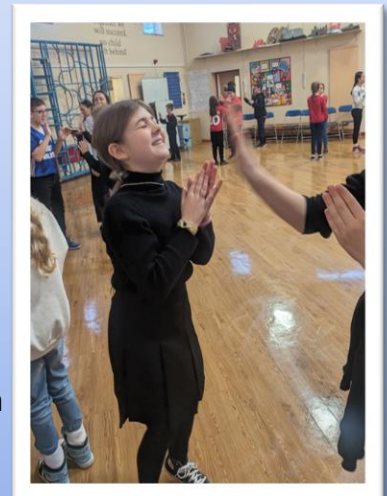
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News this half term:

Dear Parent/Carers,

The end of this term marks the end of an era for us all at Palmerston Primary. After over 40 years of dedicated service to the school, Mrs Roberts will be retiring on Tuesday 19th March. She has been a beloved member of the Palmerston family and an integral part of the community, touching the lives of countless children and colleagues over the years with her unwavering dedication to education. Throughout her time at Palmerston Primary, Mrs Roberts has embodied the values of our school. Her contributions to our community have been immeasurable, and she will be dearly missed by the children, staff and parents. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the happiest of retirements.

There have been so many fantastic activities and visitors to the school this half term. The whole school came together to celebrate International Languages Day. Every year group visited each class and took part in activities which included perfume making, food tasting, traditional folk dancing and even a French fashion show! The school will continue to focus on International Languages next term. Our Nursery and Reception children will be learning some Makaton, Years 1 to 3 will focus on German and Years 4 to 6 will continue to develop their use of French. We were so pleased to welcome back our friends from the Barry Male Voice choir who sang so beautifully to our children. Continuing the musical theme Year 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed another amazing



drumming workshop and Motion Control Dance studio choreographed some brilliant dances with our children. Miss John has also been working hard with the after-school dance club who have been putting the finishing touches to their performance at Barry Memo. This is on Tuesday 23rd April and tickets can be purchased by ringing 01446 738622.

Our Year 6s had a fantastic time during their residential trip to Manor Adventure. They embraced new challenges, built lasting friendships and experienced activities that will undoubtedly stay with them for years to come. I am so proud of how well they represented Palmerston Primary

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School, displaying exemplary behaviour and demonstrating the values of respect, responsibility and teamwork throughout their time away. A huge well done to all of them and a huge thankyou to Mrs Gape, Mrs Esser and Mrs Collins for their time and enthusiasm.

A school priority this term has been enhancing our Numeracy provision. This focus also extended to the parents of Year 1 and 2 who had the opportunity to take part in a 'Multiply and Bright Sparks' family workshop. In the Summer term we will be running a play workshop for the children and parents / carers in Reception and Year 1. Please come along as sessions are always fun and it is a great way to meet new friends and engage with the school community. If you would like to book a place, please ring the school on 01446 747393.



We have been working hard to improve the outdoor provision for our children. We are so pleased with the new covered area outside Year 1 and 2, which allows the children to access the outdoors whatever the weather. I would also like to thank you all for your patience as the new fences and gates were installed to the perimeter of our school.

This half term finishes with our wonderful Year 4s class assembly. The children will also be sharing their books with their families after the assembly. This is one of the many initiatives that we have introduced this year. To continue to improve communication we have also started putting all the class newsletters and diary dates in the outdoor notice board by the reception. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or skills that you think could further enhance our provision, please let us know. I would like to finish by thanking you all for your ongoing support. We return to school on Monday 8th April - I hope you all have a happy and restful Easter break.



Rights Respecting Article

Article 31 – You have the right to relax and play



Value of the Month

April – Creativity

May – Humility and self-worth



Dates for the diary:

First day of Summer term – Monday 8th April

School Photos (to be retaken) – Friday 12th April

School Dance Festival – Tuesday 23rd April

Last day of half term – Friday 24th May

Inset Day - Friday 14th June

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